

MEDICAL REGISTRATION.

REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS.

THE following letter has been sent to us:—

Medical Registration Office, 32, Soho Square, London, W.,
August 15th, 1860.

SIR,—A good deal of uncertainty appears to prevail as to the regulations proposed by the Medical Council respecting the general education and examination of students.

This uncertainty has probably been increased by the circumstance that in the Report of the Committee on Education, as it appears in the twenty-fourth number of the Minutes of the General Council, the present year, 1860, has, through a misunderstanding, been fixed for the compulsory registration of students, instead of, as it should be, the ensuing year, 1861.

I think, therefore, that it would be useful and acceptable to many of your readers if the following resolutions of the Medical Council, which bear upon the subject in question, were placed before them in the following order.

“6. That after October 1st, 1861, all medical students be required to be registered.

“8. That no student beginning professional study after September 1861, be registered, who has not passed an arts examination, in conformity with resolutions 2 or 4; viz.,

“2. That, as far as may be practicable, testimonials of proficiency granted by the National Educational Bodies, according to the following list, be accepted, with such additions as the Medical Council may from time to time think proper to make.

“A degree in Arts of any university of the United Kingdom, or of the colonies, or of such other universities as may be specially recognised from time to time by the Medical Council:—Oxford Responsions or Moderations.—Cambridge Previous Examinations.—Matriculation Examination of the University of London.—Oxford Middle Class Examinations, Senior and Junior.—Cambridge Middle Class Examinations, Senior and Junior.—Durham Middle Class Examinations, Senior and Junior.—Durham Examinations for Students in Arts in their second and first years.—Dublin University Entrance Examination.—Queen's University, Ireland, two years Arts' course for the Diploma of Licentiate in Arts: Preliminary Examinations at the end of the A.B. course: Middle Class Examinations: Matriculation Examinations.—An examination by any other university of the United Kingdom, equivalent to the Middle Class Examinations of Oxford and Cambridge.

“4. That students who cannot produce any of the testimonials referred to in the second resolution, be required to pass an Examination in Arts, established by any of the bodies named in Schedule (A) of the Medical Act, and approved by the General Council; provided that such examination shall be in every case, conducted by a Special Board of Examiners in Arts.”

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
FRANCIS HAWKINS.

Association Intelligence.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held at the Torquay Club Rooms, Torquay, on Wednesday, August 1st, 1860; C. R. HALL, M.D., President, in the Chair.

Resolutions. The following resolutions were passed:—

1. That the annual meeting for the year 1861 be held at Truro.
2. That Dr. Barham be requested to act as President for the year next ensuing.
3. That without deciding the question of the relation of the Cornwall Medical Society to the South-Western District Branch, this meeting is desirous of acquiescing in the opinion of those members residing in Cornwall who entertain the views expressed by Drs. Barham and Littleton, to make Cornwall a sub-Branch, in the same manner as is adopted by the South-Eastern Branch of this Association.

4. That the rotation of the places for holding the annual meetings of this Branch, be referred to the general meeting of the Branch at Truro in 1861.

5. That Dr. Barham (Truro); Dr. Nankivell (Torquay); Dr. Littleton (Saltash); W. Pollard, jun., Esq. (Torquay); and W. J. Square, Esq. (Plymouth); be elected members of the General Council of the Association for the ensuing year.

6. That Dr. Littleton, Dr. Montgomery, A. Kempe, Esq., R. Kerswill, Esq., and J. Ward, Esq., be elected members of the Council of this Branch for the ensuing year.

MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND: TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE following Report was read at the annual meeting at Torquay, on August 2nd:—

The Committee of the Medical Benevolent Fund have the grateful duty of reporting to the subscribers that their Fund during the past year has continued to meet with success.

During the year the income of the Donation Fund has amounted to £1,452 : 5 : 6, against £1,039 : 3 : 6, in 1858-59. This increase in the receipts has arisen from the effects of an appeal drawn up and circulated by the Committee. The subscribers will remember that since the year 1851, a biennial dinner has been held in behalf of the Fund. The Committee, recognising the numerous objections which have been urged against a dinner, resolved during the past year to attempt to raise an equivalent sum to that produced by the dinners, by laying before the profession and the public an appeal on behalf of the Fund, consisting of a statement of the principles upon which the Fund is conducted, and the results of its operations. They pointed out that the features of the Fund which render it peculiarly deserving of sympathy and support, are—first, that it bestows aid *privately*, so that the applicants are not obliged to advertise and make the most of their calamity; secondly, *without expense to the applicants*, as no canvassing is required; thirdly, *promptly*, as the Committee meet monthly to distribute grants. They also showed that thus privately and silently, the Medical Benevolent Fund had in the course of the last ten years distributed £7,887 to 679 distressed members of the medical profession, their widows or orphans.

This appeal, which was circulated extensively, has been responded to in a spirit of warm liberality, and called forth numerous letters approving of the attempt to abandon the practice of giving a biennial dinner. Among the munificent donors in answer to the appeal, is their old and liberal friend, Mr. Griffith, of Wrexham, who sent one hundred guineas. The Committee take this opportunity of expressing to him their sincere thanks.

The Committee have also the pleasure to report a legacy of £50 from the late Mr. Collinson, of Newport Pagnell, and a post obit bond for £500, from Mr. Charles Bailey, the interest of which is to be applied to the repairs of the houses at Chippenham, have been announced to the Treasurer.

The Committee again beg to express their thanks to the several lady collectors, and honorary local secretaries, to whose activity the success of the Fund is to be greatly attributed.

In thanking those who have supplied them with funds, the Committee cannot resist offering their humble tribute of gratitude to the Giver of all good things that they continue to be the means of alleviating some of the sorrow and misery which abound in the medical profession.

JAMES CLARK, President.

Reports of Societies.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH, 1860.

F. C. SKYE, Esq., F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

ON THE RELATIVE AMOUNT OF SUGAR AND UREA IN THE URINE IN DIABETES MELLITUS. BY SYDNEY RINGER, ESQ.

[Communicated by RICHARD QUAIN, F.R.S.]

Two cases, patients in University College Hospital, under the care of Dr. Parkes, were given, in which the observations were made hourly over a considerable period, thus enabling the sugar and urea to be compared, under various circumstances, with greater accuracy. The following are the conclusions at which the author had arrived:—

1. After the influence of food on the urine has entirely disappeared, a constant ratio is maintained between the sugar and urea.

Medical News.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

* In these lists, an asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.

BIRTHS.

Of sons, the wives of—

- *CRAYEN, Robert M., Esq., Hull, on August 7th.
- OLDFIELD, H. A., M.D., Residency Surgeon, Khatmandoo, on June 9th.
- PARRY, Edward J., L.R.C.P.Ed., at Ballymenach, Argyleshire, on August 9th.
- REMINGTON, Thomas, Esq., North Brixton, on August 9.
- ROSE, Henry C., M.D., Hampstead, on August 10.

Of daughters, the wives of—

- KIRBY, E. A., M.D., at 1, Tavton Street, on August 13.
- LE CRONIER, John, M.D., St. Helier's, Jersey, on August 6.
- MACKENZIE, J. Ingleby, Esq., Surgeon, 58, Burton Crescent, on August 13.
- *STEVENS, C. P., Esq., Biggleswade, on July 27.

MARRIAGES.

- BATE, Frederic H., Esq., Surgeon, Ware, to Harriet, third daughter of John COOPER, Esq., of Swineshead, Lincolnshire, on August 9.
- BRODRICK, Henry C., M.D., Mayne's Horse, to Ellen, second daughter of Jasper HULLEY, Esq., Macclesfield, at Prestbury, on August 8.
- BURNETT, James, Esq., late H.M. Consul in the Brazils, to Susan M., second daughter of the late W. W. BROCK, M.D., of Clifton, at Torquay, on August 9.
- INGLES, John C., Esq., Surgeon Royal Navy, to Mary Dora, daughter of the late *William Toms, Esq., of Kingsbridge, Devon, at Blackheath, on August 8.
- LOVEGROVE, Charles, Esq., Surgeon, Sevenoaks, to Catherine, only child of R. E. ADAMS, Esq., Surgeon, of the same place, at St. Mark's, City Road, on August 9.
- MORGAN, Captain O., 38th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, to Anna M. H., eldest daughter of Charles J. SMITH, M.D., Garrison Surgeon, Vizegapatam, at Waltair, on June 20.
- PROWSE, James B., Esq., Surgeon, Clifton, to Alice A. W., fourth daughter of the late Reverend Daniel G. WATT, LL.D., at Serrières, Neuchâtel, on August 2.
- *RANSOM, Wm. H., M.D., Nottingham, to Elizabeth, daughter of William BRAMWELL, Esq., of Tynemouth, on Aug. 14.
- VIVIAN, the Reverend F. Henry, incumbent of St. Bartholomew, Bethnal Green, to Margaret, eldest daughter of W. C. HENRY, M.D., of Haffield, Herefordshire, at Ledbury, on Aug. 9.

DEATHS.

- ATKINSON, Wm. B., Esq., Surgeon, at New Cross, on July 31.
- BELL, F., Esq., Surgeon, of Aldeburgh, at Malvern, on July 15.
- KNIGHT, Richard C., M.D., Civil Surgeon, at Bijnour, India, on June 14.
- MOTT. On August 13th, at Church Stretton, aged 69, Mary Jane, wife of *Charles Mott, Esq., Surgeon.
- THOMPSON, Theophilus, M.D., F.R.S., at Sutton, Surrey, aged 52, on August 11.

APPOINTMENTS.

- LAWRENCE, H., M.D., appointed Honorary and Consulting Physician to the Carmarthen Infirmary.
- *LEWIS, Thomas, M.D., appointed Physician to the Carmarthen Infirmary.

PASS LISTS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. LICENTIATES admitted on Thursday, August 9th, 1860:—

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| BROWNE, Frank H., Stowe | JONES, John, Llanelly |
| Maries, Essex | MALETT, William J., Bolton |
| CLARKE, James H., Wantage | le-Moors |
| DOW, Henry B., Hanwell | STRUTT, George H., Tutbury |

The following gentlemen also, on the same day, passed their first examination:—

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| APPLEYARD, James, London | BALLARD, C., Guy's Hospital |
| Hospital | DAVEY, J. E., Guy's Hospital |

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| GREENWELL, Baker, Queen's | LANCHESTER, Henry T., St. Terrace, St. John's Wood |
| GREEN, Ed., Guy's Hospital | Bartholomew's Hospital |
| | TANNER, John, Guy's Hospital |
| | TODD, Joseph, Birmingham |

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM. At meetings of the Council of the College and the Committee of Council of the Theological Department, held on Tuesday week, at which the Principal (the Earl of Lichfield), the Vice-Principal (the Hon. and Rev. G. Yorke), the Dean of the Faculty (William Sands Cox, Esq.), the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester (Dr. Peel), the Venerable the Archdeacon of Coventry (the Rev. J. Sandford), Messrs. Edward Townsend Cox, Samuel Haines, John Suckling, George Taylor, John Brearley Payn, John E. Clift, etc., were present, it was unanimously agreed to remove the Theological Department from the Crescent to the east wing of the College, in Paradise Street. The following recommendations were approved, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and reported upon by a special sub-committee, consisting of the Principal, the Vice-Principal, the Warden, the Dean of the Faculty, Mr. Samuel Haines, Mr. John B. Payn, and Mr. John E. Clift, appointed to draw up a scheme to be submitted to the Charity Commissioners:—That the Wardenship be kept in abeyance, in accordance with the Warneford Trust deed. That the income derived from the coupons of the Great Western Railway (£290 per annum), be thus appropriated: payment of interest on mortgages, £140; residence for Professor of Pastoral Theology, £40; resident College Chaplain, £40; resident Medical Tutor, £40; Warneford gold medal, £10; two Warneford medical scholarships, £20: total, £290. The Professor of Pastoral Theology to receive from coupons, £112; from endowments, £176; and from students' fees, estimated twenty students at £20 per annum, £400. The theological students to occupy the entire east wing of the College, with the use of the library and chapel, and the professor to pay out of the above fees the sum of £176, as the rent for the above accommodation. The resident Professor of Classics to receive from coupons, £45; as Chaplain to the Queen's Hospital, from endowment, £40; fees from twenty students, estimated at £80; and residence free. The resident Professor of Mathematics to receive from coupons, £45; as Chaplain of the College, to be paid out of the Warden's endowment, £40; fees from twenty students, estimated at £80; and residence free. The resident Medical Tutor to receive out of the Warden's endowment, £40; fees from twenty students estimated at £80; and residence free. The west wing to be devoted entirely to the medical department. The resident professors to find their own board, and the resident students to be boarded by their respective professors. The non-resident professors to have the free use of the lecture-rooms, chemical laboratory, anatomical room, library, museums, etc., and to receive, without deduction, the fees from the students whom their talents and industry may draw around them, but to be answerable for the coal and gas consumed in their department, also the wages of the porter employed by them, and all the expenses incidental to the lectures—namely, prospectuses, advertisements, etc. (*Birmingham Daily Post*).

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. JAMES WATSON OF GLASGOW. The Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow have expressed their sense of the great services of their present President and late representative at the Medical Council, Dr. James Watson, by setting apart a sum of £250, the interest of which shall, in the manner most agreeable to himself, be devoted to the advancement of medical science and the encouragement of high attainments among the medical students of Glasgow, in commemoration of Dr. Watson's name. The occasion for proffering this honour to their President was chosen on the day on which he completed the fiftieth year of his fellowship.

HEALTH OF LONDON—AUGUST 11TH, 1860.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

Births. Deaths.

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| During week | { Boys .. 857 } | 1656 .. 999 |
| Average of corresponding weeks 1850-9 | 1550 .. | 1227 |
| Among the causes of death were—bronchitis, 39; pneumonia, 31; pthysis, 111; small-pox, 10; scarlatina, 37; measles, 39; diphtheria, 5; hooping-cough, 22. The deaths from pulmonary diseases (exclusive of pthysis) were 85, being 3·5 above the corrected average. | | |

Barometer:

Highest (Fri.) 29·716; lowest (Mon.) 29·277; mean 29·534.

Thermometer:

In sun—highest (Sun. & Fri.) 119°0 degs.; lowest (Wed.) 71°0 degs.

In shade—highest (Sat.) 69°6 degrees.; lowest (Fri.) 47°3 degrees.

Mean—56°3 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—5°6 degrees.

Range—during week, 22°3 degrees; mean daily, 17°8 degrees.

Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 81.

Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 1·01.